

Liverpool last night became the first English team to retain the European Cup, eclipsing the achievements of Matt Busby's Manchester United side. The match was settled by a single goal from the season's outstanding player, Kenny Dalglish. As the ball was cleared from the Bruges area defenders flocked out seeking an offside decision. Graeme Souness kept his cool and slid a fine angled pass into space for Dalglish to execute an exquisite finish, chipping the ball over the advancing goalkeeper with the deftest of touches. That it was Souness who supplied the pass to Dalglish was fitting: were it not from Dalglish, Souness would surely have been the player of the season.

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~~This result will be some consolation to Liverpool for losing their championship crown to newly-promoted Nottingham Forest.~~ Nonetheless, the rest of the first division should beware next season, when a highly motivated team set out to put the record straight by re-capturing the trophy from Brian Clough's team.

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Fig. 2

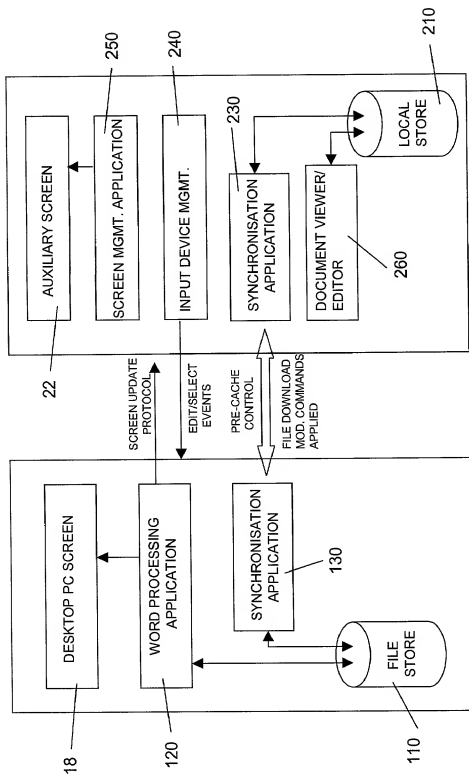


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